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According to the law, any vehicle carrying goods beyond its body limit requires special permission and safety measures such as hazard flags and reflectors — but 1,369 such vehicles were caught on city roads till May this year

THE GOODS, BAD AND UGLY

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File photo of an incident involving a truck carrying steel rods in the city

Till May this year, over 1,369 luggage vehicles operating within the city were found to be dangerously overloaded, carrying goods extending beyond their permitted body length, raising concerns about road safety and questions on how these vehicles managed to bypass multiple traffic checks.

These vehicles, often seen with steel rods, wooden planks, construction material, or even large sacks jutting dangerously out of the rear or sides, are a common sight on narrow city roads and busy junctions. West Division Traffic DCP Anita Haddanna told BM,

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NARC HUB

It seemed like a regular call centre. But routine vehicle check in Delhi leads to shocking revelation in K'taka

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THINGS TO DO

01 Tell tale

With a 90-minute storytelling show of deeply personal stories and reflections, Amandeep Khayal is presenting an exploration of the true meaning of dreams, with emotion, humour, and a touch of poetry. **Where: Prabhath Kala Sambhrama, Hombegowda Nagar; When: July 4, 7.30 pm**

02 Divine art

Students of Aangik Dance School are presenting 'Kathak through the eras', a celebration of timeless grace, rhythm, and storytelling of Kathak, showcasing the evolution of the dance form. **Where: ADA Rangamandira, JC Road; When: July 6, 6 pm**

03 Crafted heritage

The Purple Turtles is presenting 'A Festival of Mirrors', a curated showcase of sculptural, handcrafted mirrors that celebrate heritage, form, and function. **Where: The Purple Turtles, Indiranagar; When: June 25 to July 9, 10.30 am to 8 pm**

04 Legacy of healing

Indian Institute of World Culture is hosting a unique and thought-provoking exhibition as part of a continuing effort to commemorate Doctors' Day by exploring India's rich healing heritage. **Where: Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi; When: July 1 to 4, 10 am to 7 pm**

05 Artistic realm

Sublime Galleria is presenting 'Ethereal Charm' by Niladri Ghosh, encompassing forests and wildlife. Ghosh uses his art to highlight the importance of protecting nature. **Where: Sublime Galleria, UB City; When: June 13 to July 6**

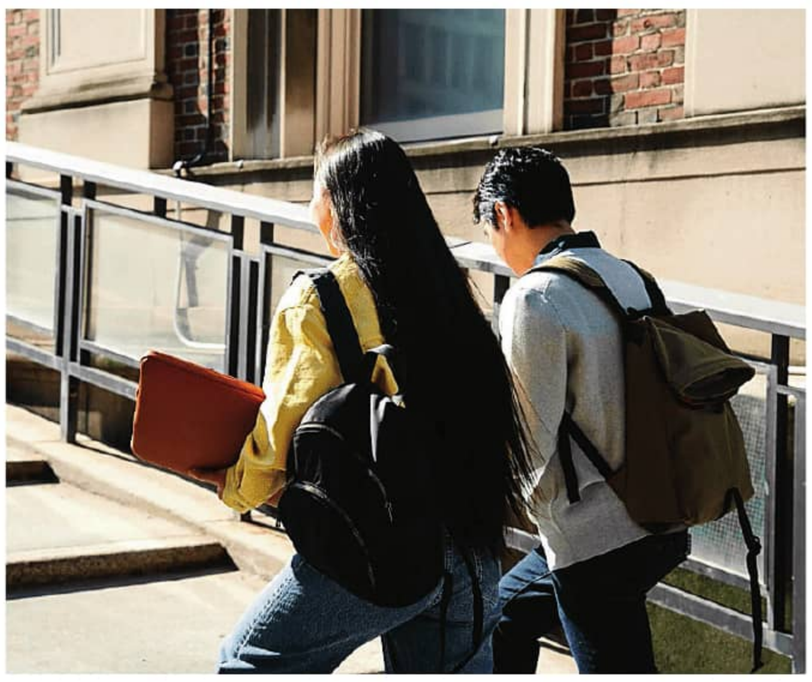
Europe to be the next education hub?

High wait time for appointments, rising rejection rate, and increased scrutiny, is driving many students to explore opportunities in European countries, says education consultant

As visa backlogs, higher rejection rates, and skyrocketing tuition fees cast a shadow over the American dream, a new trend is gaining ground amongst Bengaluru's student community—Europe over the US. Leading this shift is Germany, which has emerged as the preferred destination for higher education, particularly amongst students seeking affordability, clarity in process, and long-term career prospects. Once a niche route, Germany is now firmly in the spotlight. Education consultants across Bengaluru report a surge in interest for German universities, especially from students who initially planned to study in the United States.

"Until recently, I had a 99% visa success rate for the US. Now, it's dropped to around 60%," said a senior education consultant from Miracle Learning LLC. The education consultant said that long wait times for appointments, rising rejections, and increased scrutiny—especially from social media profiles—have made many rethink. "Germany, with its clear, digitised visa process and industry-linked education, is stepping in as the alternative of choice," said the education consultant.

Germany's appeal isn't just procedural—it's practical. Public universities charge little to no tuition, private institutions remain far more affordable than their US or UK counterparts, and the country offers an 18-month post-study work visa—giving graduates ample time to find employment and settle.



"Germany offers quality education, accessible visas, and part-time work options. It just makes more sense
– Akash K, a student

For Ankith Nagaraju, a Bengalurean pursuing a Master's in Supply Chain Management at SRH University in Hamm, the decision was simple. "My love for automobiles drew me here. Education is practically free—I pay about €350 per semester—and I work part-time to cover my expenses. Compare that to Rs 40–50 lakh a year in the US, and it's a no-brainer," he said.

Highlighting the streamlined application process, he said, "No entrance exams, no intense interviews. You apply online, submit basic paperwork, and you're in."

His sentiment is echoed by students who initially dreamt of the US but were forced to pivot. A final-year engineering student, now planning to pursue AI and data science in Germany, said, "I was committed to studying in the US, but repeated visa delays and the financial burden made me reconsider. Talking to friends in Germany made me realise—it's not a compromise. It's a smarter, sustainable choice."

Akash K, a student currently weighing his options, said that the US feels logistically and financially out of reach. "Germany offers quality education, accessible visas, and part-time work options. It just makes more sense," he said. What started as a workaround is now becoming a movement. For many in Bengaluru, Germany is no longer plan B—it's plan A.

— Achala Nataraj

Cancer care transcending geographical barriers

Advancements in cancer treatment are reshaping the global landscape of care, with a growing focus on targeted and personalised approaches. Therapies such as immunotherapy and precision oncology are increasingly being used alongside, or as alternatives to, traditional chemotherapy.

Immunotherapy enhances the body's natural immune response to recognise and destroy cancer cells. It has shown promising results in cancers such as melanoma, lung cancer, and certain types of breast cancer, particularly in reducing recurrence risks. Precision oncology utilises next-generation sequencing to analyse a tumour's genetic profile, enabling clinicians to design personalised treatment plans based on specific molecular characteristics. Early detection continues to play a crucial role, as demonstrated in a case at Manipal Hospital, Old Airport Road. Under the expertise of Dr Amit Rautan, HOD & Consultant – Medical Oncology, Immunotherapy, and Precision Medicine, a routine mammogram led to the successful treatment of an African patient with early-stage breast cancer, resulting in a complete recovery.

As a frontrunner in advanced cancer care, Manipal Hospitals in India have embraced a multidisciplinary approach to oncology with tumour boards, diagnostic imaging, genomic testing, and long-term survivorship support. International patients also benefit from the comprehensive support systems, effectively bridging geographical barriers to world-class care. **— BMB**

Private transport federation flags misinterpretation of aggregator guidelines

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The Federation of Karnataka State Private Transport Associations has issued a strong clarification on the Central Government's Aggregator Guidelines 2025, stating that the document has been widely misinterpreted, especially on social media, triggering public confusion over the legality of bike taxis and fare structures.

Addressing a press meet in Bengaluru, S Nataraja Sharma, President of the federation and an advocate, said the guidelines are advisory in nature and not legally binding, and should not be mistaken for a directive that compels states to legalise bike taxis. "Treating these guidelines as a mandate is legally untenable," he said, calling out misinformation being circulated online.

The federation said the confusion has led to misplaced blame on auto and taxi drivers, with many commuters assuming that it is the drivers who are hiking fares. In reality, Sharma clarified, it is the aggregator platforms setting inflated dynamic prices, not the drivers themselves.

"These guidelines give aggregators unchecked power over fare structures. In Karnataka, allowing fares to surge up to twice the base fare during peak hours is nothing short of a loot from passengers," Sharma told BM. "Aggregators are already collecting 20% commission from drivers and now impose a 10% penalty for ride cancellations. But there's no clarity on where this penalty goes. This entire setup overrides the Motor Vehicles Act," he said.

He further criticised the Centre for issuing the guidelines without consulting states, calling it a move that disrupts the federal framework. He opined that the Centre must take states into confidence before framing such policies. "Issuing unilateral guidelines and expecting blind implementation is not fair. The State should either reject these guidelines or revise them after addressing the concerns of passengers and drivers," he said.

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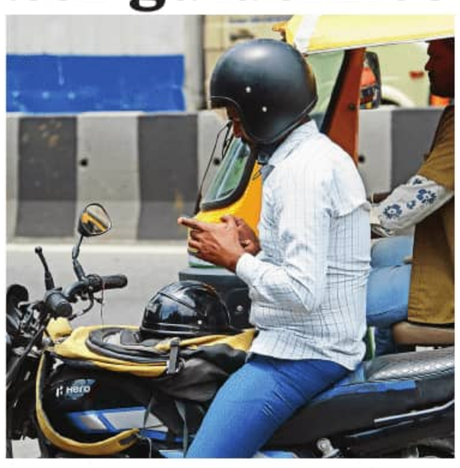
– S Nataraja Sharma, Federation of Karnataka State Private Transport Associations President

Guidelines, not mandate

While officials confirm that Karnataka has not enforced these guidelines so far, acknowledging that doing so may not benefit either passengers or drivers, the federation called for stronger action to counter the confusion being created around the guidelines. "The public needs clarity. Drivers are being unfairly targeted, and commuters are being misled," Sharma said, adding that the state government needs to step up to clear the air, communicate its position clearly, and ensure that such guidelines are not misunderstood as law. The federation has submitted formal representations to Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy seeking official clarification and corrective amendments.



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13 booked for alleged poisoning of street dog

Feeder finds dog dead under suspicious circumstances in Omkarnagar; activists allege authorities ignore complaints

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Puttenahalli police have registered a first information report (FIR) against 13 residents of Omkarnagar for allegedly poisoning a street dog. The police have registered an FIR under Section 11(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and under Sections 190 and 325 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

The police have registered the FIR based on the complaint lodged by Govindaraj, a dog feeder authorised by the Animal Welfare Board of India.

According to the FIR, Govindaraj and his wife, Runa Kali, have been feeding street dogs at Bommanahalli, Hongasandra, Arakere, Hulimavu, and Omkarnagar between 10 am and 11 am and 8.30 pm and 9 pm every day. "While feeding street dogs, I received a phone call at 8 pm on June 29 from the owner of PG stating that one of the dogs was found drooling. My wife and I rushed to the spot and found the dog dead. We suspect that some people have poisoned the dog. A few months ago, I used to stay at Omkarnagar but had to vacate when a few residents attacked me in April. They do not want me to feed street dogs. They have also attacked street dogs in May," the FIR read.

Govindaraj said that some residents at Omkarnagar have pressurised the building owner to vacate him. "I have a building at Bommanahalli. I used to rent a house at Omkarnagar and was feeding street dogs. Some residents do not want me to feed the dogs. They not only attacked me but also street dogs. I want the police to take action against those responsible for poisoning the street dog," Govindaraj said.

Meanwhile, dog rescuers and animal activists blame the BBMP and police for not helping dog feeders. "Not many police stations are dog feeder-friendly. The police make the complainants wait the whole day at the police stations to register an FIR. For example, the staff at Mahadevapura Police Station hesitate even to take complaints from dog feeders. I, along with animal activists, visited the Mahadevapura Police Station in May. They made us wait till evening. They even asked us to focus on feeding humans rather than street dogs," said dog feeder and rescuer Razia Khan.

> **"I received call from PG owner stating that one dog was found drooling. My wife & I rushed to spot and found dog dead. We suspect some people have poisoned** –Govindaraj, feeder, stated in FIR

Expressing concern over the coercive methods used against dog feeders, Arun Prasad, an animal activist, said that providing food for street dogs is the responsibility of the local bodies. "The police have to protect dog feeders. No one has the right to take the law into their hands," said Arun Prasad.

Stating that Govindaraj's case once again puts the failures of BBMP-AHD (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike – Animal Husbandry Department), SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) and the jurisdictional police into stark focus.

Nevina Kamath, Secretary of Action for Animal Justice, stated that despite having repeated warnings of criminal activity being planned in the area, all three departments have failed to take sufficient remedial action to stop the offences. "The BBMP-AHD stands exposed for its empty assurances to Feeders and its unjustified expenditure of taxpayers' money in the name of Public Awareness, with no tangible results on the ground," she said.

Train engine catches fire

A fire broke out in the engine of the Palace Queen Humsafar Express, connecting Mysuru to Udaipur, while the train was passing through Bengaluru South district on Thursday morning. The incident occurred near Channapatna around 11.45 am, reportedly due to a suspected technical snag. The loco pilot noticed sparks from the engine while the train was in motion and acted swiftly by halting the train and alerting the control room. Fire and emergency services rushed to the spot and, along with railway officials, managed to douse the fire. -BMB

Ex-DGP's daughter vandalises shop

The HSR Layout police have registered a non-cognizable report after Kritika, daughter of late retired DGP Om Prakash, allegedly vandalised a neighbourhood shop and assaulted the shopkeeper over a dispute on Monday evening.

According to the complaint, Kritika walked up to the shop and lingered for a while. When the shopkeeper asked if she needed anything, she reportedly grew aggressive and began smashing bottles and jars. As the shopkeeper tried to intervene, she allegedly manhandled him before walking away moments later.

The incident, captured on the store's CCTV camera, drew the attention of passers-by who alerted the police control room. A patrol unit was dispatched, but by the time they arrived, Kritika had returned to her residence nearby.

Police sources said Kritika has been living alone since her father was murdered. Her mother is currently in jail, and her brother lives separately. –BMB

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BMTC gets boost while metro fares climb high

With metro ridership dipping post-hike, BMTC gains 2 lakh daily passengers and ₹35 lakh more in revenue, expanding its bus fleet substantially

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The recent fare hike by Namma Metro has unexpectedly benefited the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), leading to a notable rise in both daily ridership and revenue. Since the BMRCL's fare revision in February, BMTC's daily earnings have increased from ₹6.90 crore to ₹7.25 crore — a jump of ₹35 lakh per day. While Namma Metro and BMTC continue to serve as Bengaluru's key public transport systems, the hike in metro fares appears to have driven a shift in commuter preference. Several daily travellers, citing the steep revised metro ticket prices, have opted for BMTC buses, which not only offer wider last-mile connectivity but are also more affordable for regular use.

This trend has led to a tangible rise in footfall for BMTC, with average daily ridership increasing from 40 lakh to 42 lakh passengers. To meet the growing demand, BMTC has significantly expanded its operations, deployed nearly 2,000 additional buses and increased its fleet from 6,900 to around 8,900. As a result, the number of daily trips has risen from 54,000 to 62,000.

"I used to take the metro from Kengeri to Jayanagar, but now the fare has gone up to ₹90. I've switched to BMTC buses, it takes a bit more time, but the ticket is much cheaper and helps me save money," said a private firm employee.

BMTC sees daily ridership jump from 40 to 42 lakh as more commuters opt for buses

While BMTC gains passengers, Namma Metro saw an initial dip in footfall following the fare revision. Daily ridership fell from approximately 8.2 lakh before the hike to around 7.1–7.2 lakh in March, a decline of nearly 13%. With average figures hovering around 7.2 lakh in March and early April. However, ridership began to bounce back in April, climbing to about 7.7 lakh daily, with a single-day high of over 9 lakhs on April 17, the third-highest in metro history.

"The recent rise in BMTC's revenue following the metro fare hike clearly shows the immense potential of public transport if fares are kept affordable. This shift back to buses is a sign that people are willing to patronise public transport, provided it is accessible, reliable, and economical. The government must urgently improve services across BMTC, Metro, and Suburban Rail while keeping tariffs low to truly reduce road congestion," said Rajkumar Dugar, Founder and Convenor of Citizens for Citizens (C4C).

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Officials estimate that if the trend continues, BMTC could see a monthly revenue boost of approximately ₹10.5 crore. The public transport body is closely monitoring route efficiency and fleet utilisation to maintain service quality amid rising demand. However, with new metro lines set to open soon, it remains uncertain whether this upward trend will sustain or reverse.

Eco-warriors take on single-use plastic menace

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In an effort to curb plastic pollution, a group of concerned citizens is distributing free cloth bags to fruit and vegetable vendors across Bengaluru. Around 1,500 eco-friendly bags have already been handed out to over 300 shops in areas like Koramangala, JP Nagar, and Jayanagar.

The initiative was started a few weeks ago and will go on till August 15. The initiative by Indian Ploggers Army, in collaboration with Swabhiman and Helping Heroe, aims to reduce single-use plastic by encouraging street vendors and consumers to switch to reusable cloth bags. The campaign focuses on awareness, free bag distribution, and community participation to tackle rising plastic waste in the city.

According to Plog Raja of Indian Ploggers Army, who conducts plog events on a regular basis, 60% to 70% of waste collected from various spots across the city consists predominantly of banned single-use items, including plastic carry bags.

The main idea is to encourage a "Bring Your Own Container/Bag" (BYOC) culture

Plog Raja of Indian Ploggers Army says 60–70% of waste collected during citywide plogging events consists of banned single-use items, with plastic carry bags being the most common

"The biggest contributors to waste are single-use plastics and disposables, especially from fruit, vegetable, and flower vendors who use plastic bags for convenience and cost reasons. The initiative is to reduce single-use disposable plastic carry bags and other items in local shopping areas and among roadside vendors. The main idea is to encourage a "Bring Your Own Container/Bag" (BYOC) culture," said Raja.

The vendors can sell them to customers at a small cost, raising awareness and encouraging customers to bring their bags. The money raised will then be used by the vendors to buy new cloth bags.

"Vendors, in the past, have expressed that supplying cloth bags would impact their already slim profit margins, as adding costs for cloth bags was not viable. Consequently, they preferred plastic covers for their durability and convenience. We started this initiative to promote cloth bags after recognising the logistical and economic challenges faced by fruit and vegetable vendors," said a volunteer.

Volunteers say the ongoing initiative will also foster a cultural shift towards responsible consumption.

"While distributing the bags among vendors, we also get a chance to speak with customers and explain the reason behind this initiative. While we are currently covering vendors only in Koramangala, JP Nagar, and Jayanagar, we plan to expand this to other parts of the city based on funding availability," added Raja.

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Waste zone
Channasandra

Residents of AK Gopalan Colony continue to face repeated garbage dumping against their compound wall. The waste is often set on fire, creating serious health and safety hazards. Despite multiple complaints, BBMP remains unresponsive.

Commuter chaos
Jakkur

Daily commuting is a nightmare for Jakkur and Shivanahalli residents, with market congestion, delayed white-topping work, and a stalled railway overbridge. The situation is worsened by heavy school traffic from three nearby institutions.

Pothole plague
Hulimavu Lake

The road near Hulimavu Lake, beside Nitesh Estates, has been plagued by worsening potholes for over a year. Despite repeated complaints, no repairs have been made, making daily travel unsafe for commuters.

Dial d for drugs: Udupi call hub busted

Call centre in Udupi emerges as key link in global drug trafficking ring; 8 arrested so far, with operations involving darknet orders

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A call centre operating out of Udupi, Karnataka, has been exposed as a key link in a sprawling international drug trafficking racket. What began as a routine vehicle check in Delhi has led the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) to bust a sophisticated narcotics network spread across continents, with Udupi serving as one of the main operational hubs.

Police sources said that the mastermind behind the Udupi unit is a man from Tamil Nadu, who had set up the call centre in the coastal town to receive drug orders from various countries. These demands were then routed via Delhi to over 10 nations, using advanced methods like anonymous drop-shipping and cryptocurrency payments.

According to NCB sources, the gang operated on at least four continents and maintained active networks in more than 10 countries. Eight people, including the Udupi operator, have been arrested so far in a multi-city crackdown involving Delhi, Jaipur, Roorkee, and Udupi. A significant quantity of narcotic substances has also been seized.

Home Minister Amit Shah took to social media to commend the coordinated efforts of the NCB and central agencies for exposing this global syndicate. He stressed that the government is committed to dismantling every drug trafficking network and protecting youth from its influence, no matter where it operates.

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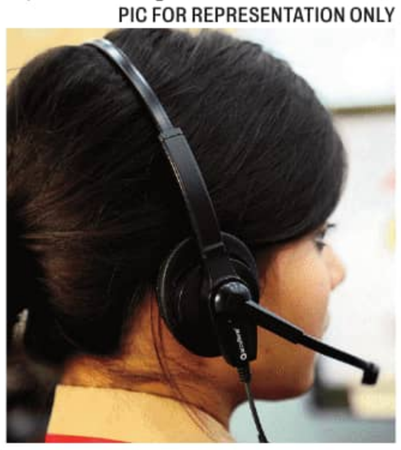

Call centre handled sourcing and coordination

The Udupi Superintendent of Police's office confirmed that the Tamil Nadu native had hired nearly 10 people in the local call centre, handling demand collection from various countries through online advertisements and encrypted communications. Orders were placed using social media and darknet platforms, with payments made in cryptocurrencies.

The NCB had been closely monitoring the Udupi operation for over a month before making the arrests. Officials say that while the kingpin of the operation is based in Delhi, the call centre in Karnataka played a crucial role in sourcing, coordinating, and processing international orders. A police official said, "This case once again highlights how global narcotics cartels are using unsuspecting Indian towns and tech-savvy operations to run illicit businesses across borders. Investigations are still underway to track down other associates, and further arrests are likely."

The drug trail: From Delhi to Alabama

- A routine vehicle check near Bengali Market, Delhi, led to the seizure of 3.7 kg of Tramadol tablets.
- Interrogation revealed a link to Udupi, Karnataka, where bulk drug orders were managed for shipments abroad.
- Data from suspects exposed 50+ international consignments to countries like the US, Australia, Estonia, Spain, and Switzerland.
- 8 arrests so far, including suspects from Delhi and Jaipur.
- The cartel had a presence across 4 continents and 10+ countries.
- An illegal pill manufacturing unit in Australia was dismantled.
- The US DEA arrested a key operative and seized 17,000+ controlled tablets.
- Operated via encrypted apps like Telegram.
- Used crypto, PayPal, and Western Union for untraceable payments.
- Relied on anonymous drop shippers to smuggle drugs across borders.

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B'lureans cheer mandatory mental health checks for app cab drivers

New guidelines propose psychological evaluations for Ola, Uber drivers to boost commuter safety and screen for emotional stability during duty hours

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In a significant move aimed at improving commuter safety, the Union government has proposed that all drivers onboarding with cab aggregators like Ola, Uber, and others undergo a mandatory psychological evaluation. This new requirement is part of the draft Motor Vehicles Aggregator Guidelines (MVAG), 2025, released on Tuesday.

The guidelines aim to ensure that app-based cab drivers are mentally fit and emotionally stable before they begin transporting passengers. The psychological assessment would be in addition to existing procedures such as background verification, police checks, and mandatory training modules.

The Centre's proposal comes in response to growing concerns about passenger safety, especially following recurring reports of driver misconduct, aggression, and erratic behaviour in app-based services.

Daily commuters, especially working professionals and women, have largely welcomed the move. Many believe it will enhance their sense of security when travelling alone or late at night.

Commuters say mental fitness tests will enhance safety, especially during late-night travel across cities.

"I travel late at night from the office and often feel nervous getting into a cab with a complete stranger," said Anusha S, a software engineer from Bengaluru. "If psychological fitness becomes mandatory, it will add an extra layer of assurance for women like me."

Rohan Verma, a marketing executive, agreed. "We hear stories of driver rage or reckless behaviour almost every week. A psychological test might help filter out people who aren't suited for this kind of work."

Parents of young children also expressed support. Ruchi Sharma, a mother of two, said, "I often send my daughter to her tuition classes in app-based cabs when I can't accompany her. Knowing the drivers are mentally evaluated would bring me peace of mind."

Some even compared the proposed rules to established norms in other transport sectors. "If pilots and bus drivers are expected to undergo mental health checks, why not app cab drivers who interact with the public every day?" said Sunil B, a retired railway official.

However, reactions among drivers have been mixed. While some acknowledged the importance of safety, others raised concerns about fairness and implementation.

> **"Psychological fitness will add an extra layer of assurance for women like me, travelling late at night**
> – Anusha S, software engineer

"This is not fair," said Imran K, a driver in Bengaluru. "We already go through police checks and training. Now they want to test our minds too? What if someone is wrongly judged and loses their job?"

He added that long hours, poor pay, and mistreatment from passengers often lead to temporary stress. "They should improve our work conditions instead of making us feel like suspects."

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has invited public feedback for 30 days before finalising the guidelines.

Rain returns, Karnataka on alert

After a brief lull, rainfall is set to intensify again in Karnataka, according to the Indian Meteorological Department.

An orange alert was issued for all coastal districts on July 3, with a yellow alert in place for all districts from July 4 to 9. On Wednesday, interior districts including Shivamogga, Kodagu, Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, and Belagavi were also placed under an orange alert, while Bidar, Dharwad, and Kalaburagi were under a yellow alert.

The Almatti reservoir in Vijayapura saw increased inflow, prompting the release of 1 lakh cusecs of water into the river. In Vijayanagara district, water levels in the Tungabhadra dam rose sharply, leading to the release of 15,100 cusecs through six crest gates on Wednesday evening. — BMB

Cop told off by CM returns to duty

Dharwad Additional Superintendent of Police Narayan Baramani, who came under Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's public criticism during the Congress' 'Save the Constitution' rally in Belagavi on April 28, had submitted a voluntary retirement (VRS) request shortly after the incident. A video of Siddaramaiah shouting "Come here, Baramani!" went viral after BJP women workers stormed the stage, briefly disrupting the event. Baramani told reporters on Thursday that he raised the issue with higher-ups, and both the CM and Home Minister later spoke to him. The VRS request was turned down, and he was convinced to stay on, given the political sensitivity. The matter has resurfaced on social media, sparking renewed discussions and drawing attention to the CM's public rebuke. — BMB

Telangana, IISc launch TGDeX to power ethical AI innovation

The Government of Telangana has associated with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to launch an initiative to develop and test AI-based solutions to solve critical public challenges.

The new initiative, called the Telangana Data Exchange (TGDeX), is designed to offer a secure and controlled environment for the responsible development and testing of Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications. TGDeX builds on the success of the Agricultural Data Exchange (ADeX), a pioneering platform launched by the state that has enabled multiple innovative tools and services for the farming community.

The Centre for Data for Public Good (CDPG) at the Foundation for Science, Innovation and Development (FSID), IISc, will provide technical expertise, infrastructure, and governance mechanisms for TGDeX. The collaboration aims to ensure that data sharing and AI development occur under strict standards of safety, accountability, and ethical practice.

TGDeX will be made available to government departments, academic institutions, researchers, and selected innovators through a structured onboarding and governance process. The first set of pilot use cases is expected to be unveiled in the coming weeks.

> **"GDeX will serve as public infrastructure for AI experimentation, enabling transparent, ethical, and citizen-centric innovation**
> – Professor Inder Gopal Chair of CDPG

The platform will allow AI tools to be tested in real-world settings across diverse sectors, including healthcare, education, energy, mobility, revenue, and governance. Prof Inder Gopal, Chair of CDPG, described TGDeX as essential public infrastructure for AI innovation, enabling transparent, responsible, and citizen-focused development. — BMB

300 acres of forest land reclaimed

The Karnataka Forest Department, on Thursday, reclaimed 300 acres of encroached forest land in Bukkapattana Wildlife Sanctuary in Tumakuru, including 209 acres of forest and land allotted by the Forest Department to the Horticulture Department.

The reclaimed area includes land historically granted to the Forest Department by the Maharaja of Mysore in 1926 under the Mysore Forest Act.

Over time, parts of Survey Number 46 in Muttugadahalli Ambarapura were illegally allocated to individuals, resulting in further encroachments. A case was later filed in the Karnataka High Court, which directed that the land must remain classified as forest. After revenue officials failed to act, a complaint was lodged with the Lokayukta, which ultimately led to Thursday's clearance action in favour of the Forest Department. — BMB

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Lethal lorry story: No checks on overloaded goods vehicles

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"Such as trucks carrying goods extending beyond their permitted body length often are seen near construction sites, near Mysore Road."

Citizens have voiced their frustration, asking how such violations go unchecked despite the presence of multiple traffic checkpoints and surveillance cameras across Bengaluru.

In the latest such alarm raised, an X user posted a comment about a truck near Kaveri Theatre, Guttahalli, on June 25. "Such luggage vehicles with loads exceeding their body length are dangerous on city roads. How do they pass so many traffic checks and cameras? Would be good if the traffic police actively educates drivers and enforces rules to prevent such overloads." The user also tagged the traffic police.

Another user commented, wondering if the police don't see what's happening on the roads? "So many tempos are carrying loads way more than they should. It's risky for everyone! I see police stopping them, taking fines, and then letting them go. Why? Shouldn't these vehicles be stopped and seized? It's not just about fines, people's lives are in danger. What if someone gets hurt because of this? Don't the people loading these vehicles have any sense. Please take this seriously. Safety should come first," the said.

Another user who goes with @ ManjunathR stated that "Police will take action only after the luggage kills someone, someday, until then they generate challan..."

"Earlier cops stood in most busy junctions to check for wrong way driving, overloaded cargo trucks, no helmet etc. now the cops have given up," says a user in X

What does the law say

According to the law, any vehicle carrying goods beyond its body limit requires special permission and proper safety measures, such as hazard flags and reflectors. However, these guidelines are rarely followed. Several such vehicles continue to ply without registration updates, valid insurance, or fitness certificates, further worsening the situation.

Recently, a truck carrying a heavy cargo container toppled onto the car, killing six people near Nelamangala, on the outskirts of Bengaluru. In another incident near the Bannerghatta Road stretch, an unidentified individual allegedly hurled an iron rod at a moving car, which pierced through the windshield and narrowly missed the occupants.

Haddanna said that these are rare cases. " If we spot such vehicles, we impose fines on the spot. Carrying excess load or over lengthy material is dangerous. A small number of cases have been booked, but no special drive has been undertaken. This has to be taken up by the RTO department, but if such violations are noticed by traffic officials and if it is really dangerous, we fine the violators."

According to experts, these trucks create havoc on the roads as they cut visibility. "The biggest concern is visibility," said traffic expert MN Sreehari. "At night or during peak hours, these overloaded vehicles become invisible hazards. Motorcyclists and car drivers often don't notice the extended cargo until it's too late."

> **"RTO officials are stuck with office work instead of conducting regular on-ground inspections. There is a serious lack of discipline and no systematic checking on the roads**
>
> –MN Sreehari, traffic expert

He further emphasized that as per RTO rules, lorries are not allowed to carry loads that extend beyond the body of the vehicle. "But enforcement is lacking. RTO officials are stuck with office work instead of conducting regular on-ground inspections. There is a serious lack of discipline and no systematic checking on the roads."

Sreehari added that stricter enforcement is essential. "If fines are imposed and licences suspended, drivers will fear consequences. Repeat offenders should have their licences cancelled and vehicles impounded. Installing body-length sensors at key checkpoints can also act as a deterrent," he said.

Cafe staffer assaulted

A 32-year-old was arrested on Thursday by the Sheshadripuram police for beating up a staffer at a coffee shop. The accused, identified as Arun, attacked the server, for denying him an extra empty cup. The entire incident, which took place around 6.50 pm, was captured on CCTV. Islam was allegedly punched, kicked, and verbally abused by Arun. According to police, the confrontation began after Haq cited the policy and declined the group's demand for an extra cup without an additional order.

The footage shows Haq attempting to defend himself before being overpowered by the group. **BMB**

Yes to English medium

The Karnataka government has decided to start English medium classes alongside Kannada and other mediums in 4,134 state-run primary schools. The order will come into effect from the academic year 2025-26.

The order was issued on Wednesday. "Subject to the conditions to commence English medium (Bilingual medium) classes alongside the existing Kannada and other mediums in Government Primary Schools in the state," it said. **PTI**

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Court hears Proton blocking appeal

The Karnataka High Court continued its hearing today on an appeal by Swiss email service provider Proton AG, contesting a single judge's directive to block its services in India.

Acting Chief Justice V Kameswar Rao and Justice CM Joshi's Division Bench acknowledged the Centre's statement that, beyond the two initially identified URLs, additional instances of IT Act non-compliance had been discovered, with separate notices issued to the company.

The Union Government, represented by Additional Solicitor General Arvind Kamath, specified that these matters were being handled separately from the current writ appeal.

Case background

The Court had issued notice on Proton AG's appeal on Tuesday, challenging the single judge's order in a case filed by M Moser Design Associates (India) Pvt Ltd. The company had reported harassment of its female staff through offensive emails sent via Proton Mail. The single judge had instructed the Union to begin proceedings against Proton AG under Section 69A of the IT Act, along with Rule 10 of the Information Technology Rules, 2009, ordering immediate URL blocking until proceedings concluded.

Current proceedings

ASG Kamath informed the Court that Section 69A proceedings had commenced, with two URLs blocked as ordered. Advocate Jatin Sehgal, representing Moser Design, cited Section 75 of the IT Act, arguing that intermediaries moving servers abroad and refusing Indian authority access should not operate in India. **–BMB**

Trans quota debate continues

The National Law School of India University has informed the Karnataka High Court that it will present the matter of admission reservations for Transgender persons to an appropriate council within the institution.

This statement follows the university's opposition to a single bench ruling that mandated a 0.5% reservation and fee waiver for transgender persons until the State establishes a formal policy.

NLSIU maintains that neither judicial nor governmental bodies have the authority to impose reservation quotas. "It cannot be so arbitrary. Why not give a 1 per cent reservation? A study is to be carried out. A huge exercise is required to be done. Otherwise backward class commission and census will all be irrelevant," senior advocate KG Raghavan stated.

The Court verbally acknowledged today that the issue requires attention, stating, "We cannot say that a reservation is not required.'

Raghavan stated, "We bow down that reservation should be given, but the only thing is that directing reservation by the Court is not proper. A decision has to be taken by the Executive Council." **–BMB**

State halts wage revision plans

The Karnataka state administration has assured the High Court that it will not proceed with the proposed draft notifications for minimum wage revisions across 80 scheduled employments from April 2025 without consulting industry representatives.

During a hearing on June 30 before Justice Anant Ramanath Hegde, the government advocate provided this assurance whilst addressing a petition from Nanjappa Hospitals, Shivamogga-Davangere. The hospitals have challenged the Labour Department's notifications dated April 11 and 19 regarding proposed wage revisions.

The court has granted petitioners the right to seek legal recourse if there are attempts to implement these notifications whilst the petition remains under consideration. Petitioners argue that ignoring regional variations in wage fixation violates the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

POCSO bail challenge rejected

The Karnataka High Court has ruled that without any breach of bail conditions, a Sessions Court's bail order cannot be challenged in the High Court through an application under Section 483(3) of BNSS, 2023. Justice V Srishananda, whilst dismissing a petition by a rape victim's mother contesting bail granted to the accused under POCSO Act provisions, stated that such serious offence bail grants cannot be deemed as miscarriage of justice. The court stated, "Even though concurrent powers are vested in this Court along to grant or cancel the bail, the application seeking cancellation of bail shall not be construed as if it is an appeal over the order of grant of bail. Even in BNSS, 2023, no such provision is carved out by the legislature to vest the power of appeal over the discretionary order of grant of bail"

Survey stickers: BBMP suspends workers

As part of the ongoing Scheduled Caste Comprehensive Survey-2025, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has suspended three of its employees for dereliction of duty in the house-to-house sticker pasting work. The suspended officials include Ramesh, a Revenue Inspector, and Pedduraju, a Revenue Collector, both serving in the HBR Layout Sub-Division, along with C Sandil Kumar, a Revenue Collector posted at the Kengeri Sub-Division Office. All three have been suspended from service on the grounds of negligence in executing the sticker-pasting task that is crucial to the SC survey. **–BMB**

Guest lecturers in limbo

With the Department of Collegiate Education kickstarting the recruitment process for the academic year 2025–26, government first-grade colleges across Karnataka are once again facing uncertainty over the appointment of guest lecturers. Although the Manchisi Committee had introduced new guidelines last year, the High Court's stay order resulted in the continuation of 2023–24 guest lecturers into 2024–25. Now, the sudden enforcement of revised criteria prioritising candidates with PhDs, K-SET, NET, or MPhil qualifications has sparked discontent among long-serving lecturers, some of whom have been teaching for over 10 years.

Several senior lecturers have approached the High Court, seeking a halt to the ongoing recruitment process and demanding reinstatement under previous norms. The High Court has issued an interim stay, directing colleges to maintain the existing setup until further notice. Lecturers from regions like Kalyana Karnataka, many with over 15–20 years of teaching experience, are now left in limbo. They argue that excluding them under new criteria, despite their post-graduate qualifications and years of service, will not only jeopardise their livelihoods but also severely affect the functioning of colleges. With over 11,000 guest lecturers in the state, and nearly 40% potentially ineligible under new UGC norms, the future of both educators and institutions hangs in the balance.

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Five expert secrets to perfect home coffee

In today's fast-paced world, coffee has gained a prime spot in almost every Indian home. Brewing coffee has become a nuanced art, where each brewing method unlocks a distinctive palette of flavours and aromas. Santhosh Basavaraj, L&D Deputy Manager & Coffee Specialist with Third Wave Coffee, shares the five things you can do to get the maximum amount of joy from a single cuppa.

Get to bean of matter

Choosing whole bean coffee over ground coffee is the first step toward ensuring high-quality coffee. The significant components in your coffee's delicious flavour and taste erupt from the aromatic compounds in the coffee.

Get scale

Different coffees and blends vary greatly in bean size and density, meaning a tablespoon of one coffee might weigh significantly less

than another. By using a scale to measure by weight instead of volume, you can ensure that you are aware of exactly how much is going into your cup, no matter what coffee is being used.

Get temperature right

To bring out the best in your coffee, it's crucial to brew with water at temperatures ranging between 195° Fahrenheit (90° Celsius) and 205° Fahrenheit (96° C). This range not only affects how quickly the coffee extracts but also influences the flavours of your cup.

Use right water

When making coffee, the water quality plays an important role since it constitutes a major part – almost 98% – of the final beverage. Therefore, the taste and overall quality of your water significantly impact how your coffee will taste

Get grind size right

Different brewing methods call for specific grind sizes to achieve optimal results. If your coffee brews too quickly, it indicates that the grind was too coarse. If it brewed too slowly, the grind was likely too fine. In addition, coarse ground coffee tastes overly acidic and sour, whereas fine ground coffees are excessively bitter. **– Femina**

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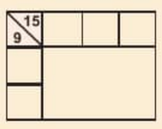

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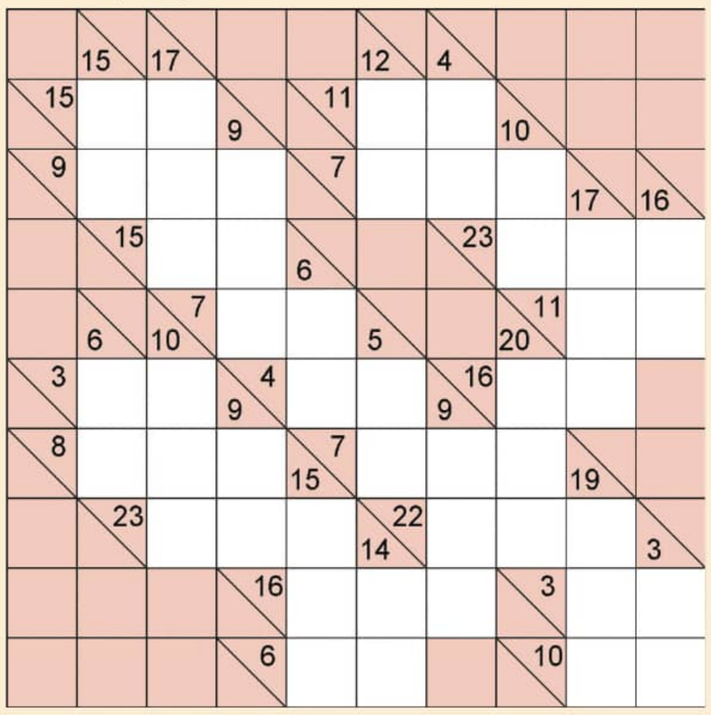

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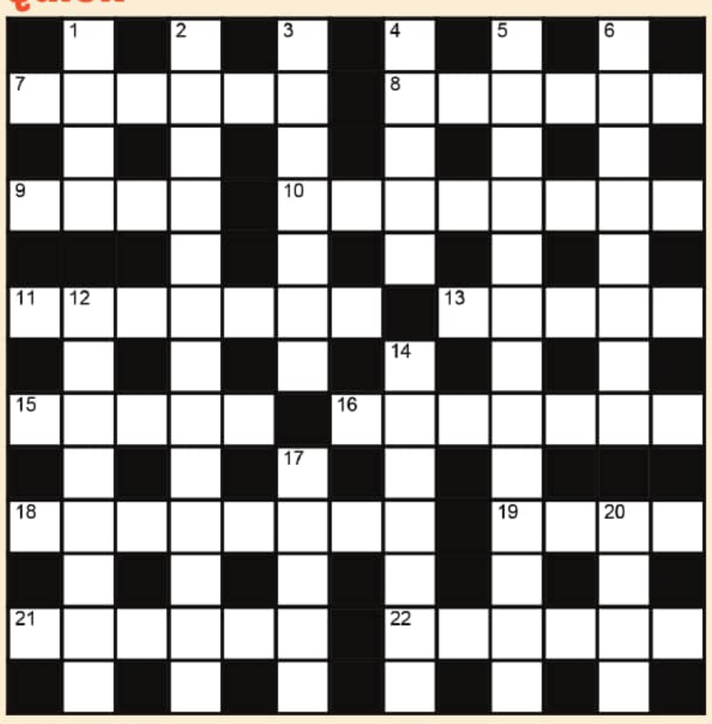

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7 A minister, for us Indians? (6)
8 False (6)
9 To _ ___ : everybody? (1,3)
10 Avoid humiliation, preserve esteem? (4,4)
11 Enduring (7)
13 Of mankind (5)
15 Forbear or omit? (5)
16 Increases (5,2)
18 Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece (4,4)
19 Judge's garb (4)
21 Flatter (6)
22 Chesspiece (6)

DOWN

1 Hurt or damage (4)
2 Be logical or obvious? (5,2,6)
3 At one __ ___ : bewildered or perplexed (4,3)
4 Tropical fruit (5)
5 Expression of British stoicism (5,5,3)
6 The Karate sticks? (8)
12 Accepted; recognised or agreed (8)
14 This cathedral in Bangalore is over 200 years old (2,5)
17 Mends or repairs (5)
20 Monetary unit of Thailand (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: B EQUALS A

GXQT HIG HJNXEF TGS NEXGAK: HJNXEF HJBH BAKX'H NUYGAHBXH BXM HJNXEF TGS INFJ IKAKX'H NUYGAHBXH, BXM INFJNXE XKRKA IGAPF.

Linemaro

I sent an angel to watch over you, and that angel came back to say 'angels don't watch over other angels'

Mindchow

It sometimes seems that intense desire creates not only its own opportunities, but its own talents

Joke of the day

To learn that all I really need to know I learned in kindergarten, I needed to go to grad school

Loop

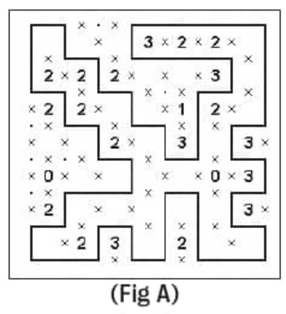
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

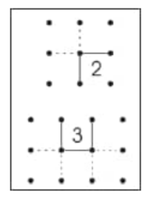
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

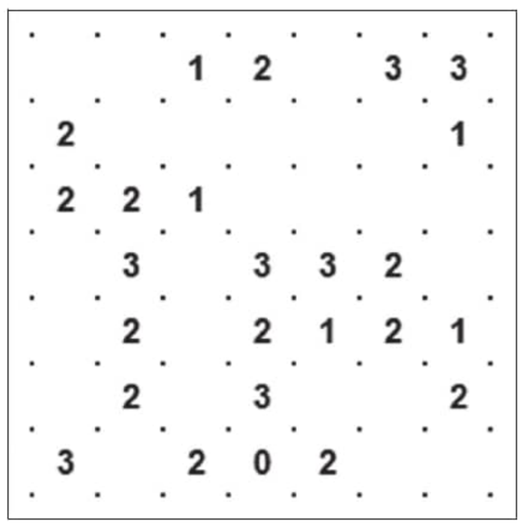
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



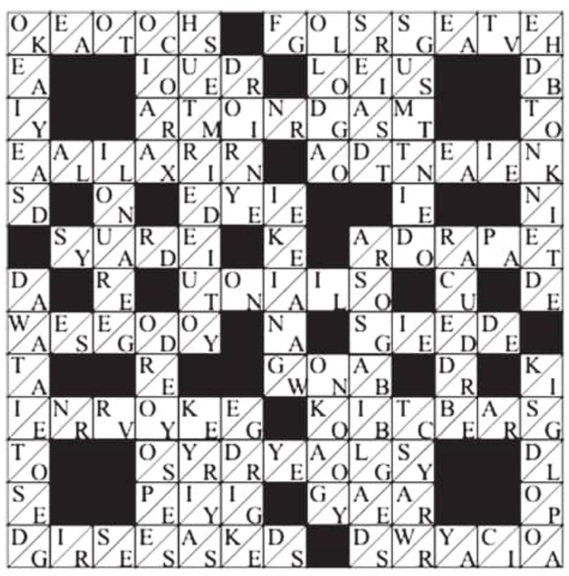
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2 R	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Chars; 6 Aimer; 7 True I; 8 REM in; 9 Be sod

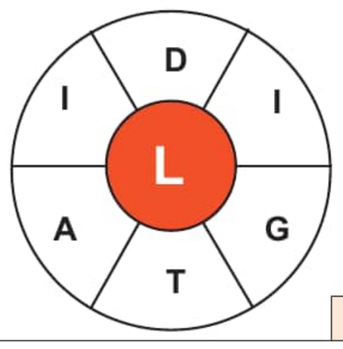
DOWN

1 Mr Cub; 2 At Rio; 3 Me and; 4 I Erse; 5 Shire

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; **06** Good; **08** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		6	1		9	4		
2								7
9			4		5			3
1	8						7	2
				4				
7	5						4	6
4			6		2			8
6								1
		7	9		8	2		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

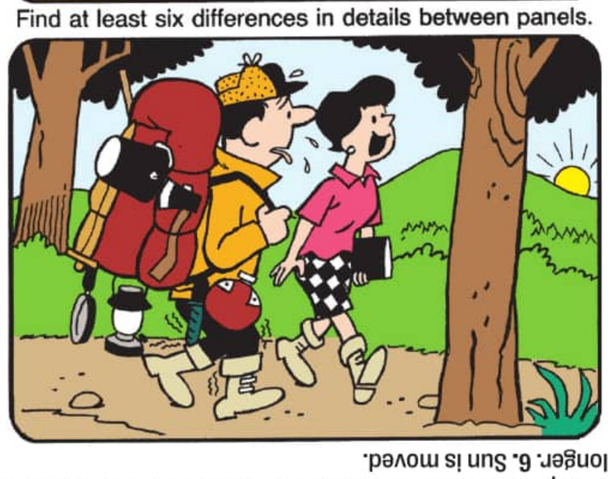
Easy = 7
2 8 8 9

Medium = 8
3 4 5 6

Hard = 8
2 5 9 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



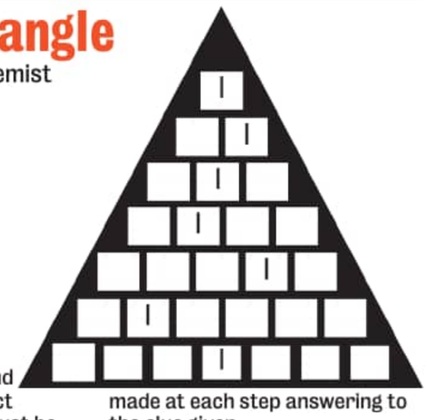
Differences: 1. Frying pan is smaller. 2. Laces are missing. 3. Cap is different. 4. Canteen is different. 5. Axe handle is longer. 6. Sun is moved.

Riddler

I can be used to give someone a rap. I'm said of the head of the stupid or silly. I can be a secret code that you tap. Find me in a cushion 'mongst things that are frilly What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Iodine for the chemist
2 Do, re, _ fa....
3 Indistinct
4 Nickel partner
5 News sources
6 Royal circlet
7 Looked up to



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

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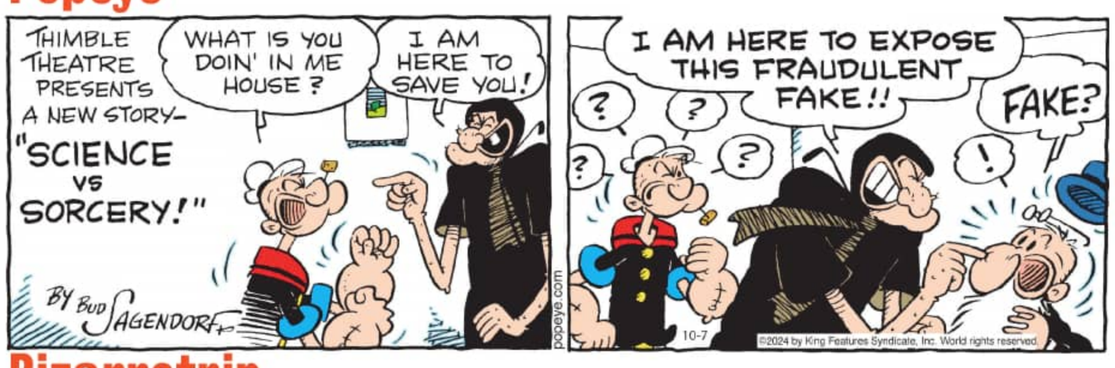
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OK, HERE'S WHAT I FOUND...
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Hart of the city

DO YOU HEAR THAT? IT SOUNDS LIKE A HALL PASS TIMER GOING OFF.
BEEP BEEP
YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING THAT. ALWAYS TRYING TO GET SOME HALLWAY ACTION.
IT SOUNDS LIKE THE REAL THING!
IT'S PROBABLY SOME KID'S PHONE GOING OFF IN THEIR LOCKER. CHILL. WE ONLY HAVE FIVE MINUTES LEFT ON DUTY.
WHEW. NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE STUFFING MYSELF INTO A LOCKER!
HALL MONITOR
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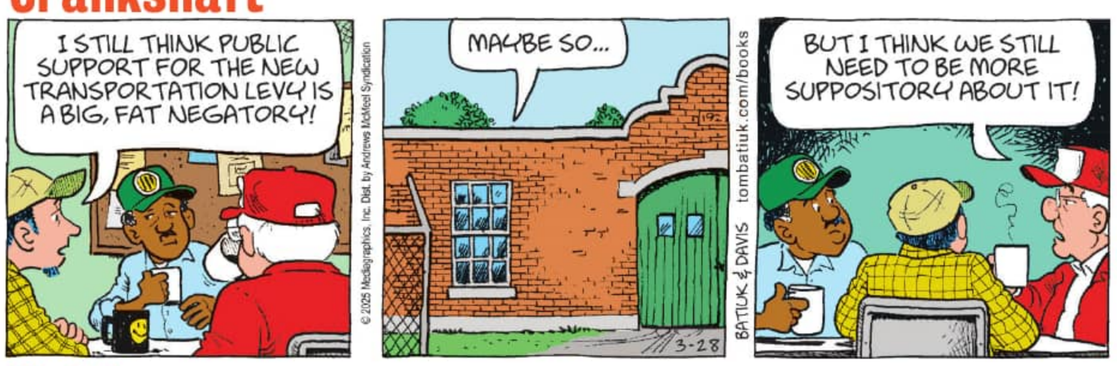
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BUT I THINK WE STILL NEED TO BE MORE SUPPOSITORY ABOUT IT!
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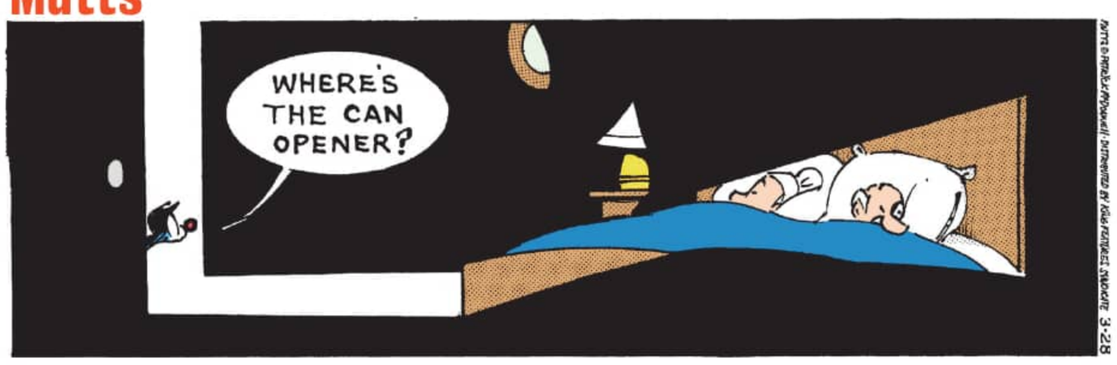

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may suffer from sleeplessness, which could lead to laziness and carelessness. This may negatively affect your inner strength and create nervousness at work, possibly hindering your ongoing projects. Avoid investing in non-productive assets. Steer clear of spicy food to prevent digestive issues, and refrain from rash driving.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Blessed by the Moon, today brings inner strength that will help you make tough decisions at work. Disputes with your partner may be resolved. Singles might find a promising match through friends or relatives. You may also receive external investments that support your business expansion.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
The Moon's blessings bring confidence and clarity today, which will reflect in your professional efficiency. Good news may arrive regarding a legal matter, and previously stuck finances might be recovered, improving your savings. Children's health will show improvement. Avoid unnecessary domestic arguments.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, with divine blessings, you may gain profits from past investments. Renovation plans for your home or office might begin. You may also invest in intellectual assets—like books—or consider higher education. Singles may find a compatible partner in their field. Professionals in research, education, and agriculture will likely perform well.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today may feel emotionally taxing. Arrogance could impact both personal and professional relationships. Pressure and a sense of detachment from responsibilities might leave you feeling impatient. Take care of your parents and postpone any major work-related decisions for now.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
A happy day lies ahead. Property-related disputes with siblings may be resolved. You might meet an influential person who supports your professional growth. Strengthening business contacts will prove beneficial. Before investing in fixed assets, trust your intuition—they may not yield expected returns. Short work travel is possible.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You'll be engaged with family and friends today and may plan an outing or an adventure trip. Children's health might cause some concern, but the Moon's blessing will help guide you toward success. Increased savings will boost your financial stability.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today brings vitality and inner strength. You may focus on expanding your family business and receive blessings from elders, helping you implement new plans efficiently with team support. Your wisdom will lead to sound decisions, likely improving your social status.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You may face health issues and feel mentally tired due to lack of sleep. Laziness could affect your commitments and concentration. Avoid risky travel and unnecessary expenses. Be mindful of how you spend your time and money today.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Social gatherings will keep you occupied. You may reconnect with old friends, and a stronger network could bring professional benefits. Those in export-import, glamour, or creative industries will see good progress. Students are likely to perform well, and lovebirds may share joyful moments.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Family support will be strong today. Expansion in the family business may enhance your social status. You may also consider adding a new member to the family, which strengthens bonds. Students might apply for scholarships to pursue higher education.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Spirituality may guide your day, and favourable destiny may bring gains from previous investments. Relations with your boss may improve, possibly leading to promotions. Good news from a sibling is likely. Be mindful of your tone in personal and romantic conversations to maintain harmony.

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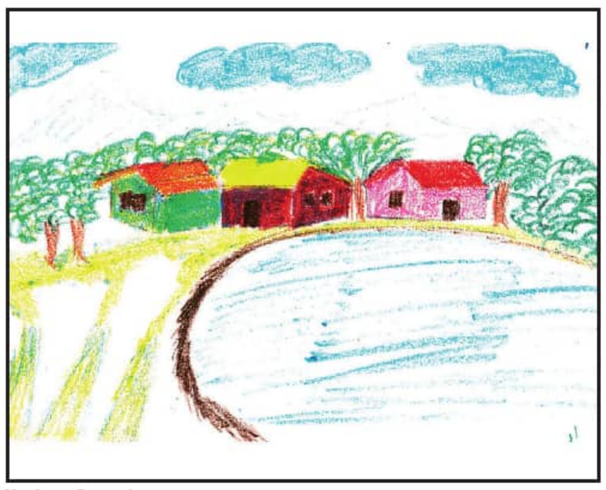

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SOLVE IN 1M
Joan born 2000 now
she's 24
2000+24=2024
2000-1976=24+24=48
Mother born 1976

RIDDLER
A pin

STRIKE OUT

K	E	T	C	H		F	O	R	G	A	V	E
E												
L												
E												
Y												

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
Y. Start at the top to the left hand triangle, and work across the whole diagram in horizontal lines from left to right, top to bottom. Letters are written in alphabetic sequence, skipping 3 letters each time.

BULL'S EYE
dial, DIGITAL, gild, gilt, glad, laid, tail, tidal

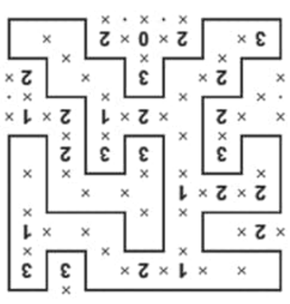
SUDOKU

8	3	6	1	7	9	4	2	5
2	4	5	8	6	3	1	9	7
9	7	1	4	2	5	6	8	3
1	8	4	3	9	6	5	7	2
3	6	2	5	4	7	8	1	9
7	5	9	2	8	1	3	4	6
4	9	3	6	1	2	7	5	8
6	2	8	7	5	4	9	3	1
5	1	7	9	3	8	2	6	4

ALPHA TRIANGLE
I, Mi, Dim,
Dime, Media,
Diadem,
Admired.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 - 8 - 2 + 8 = 7
Medium
3 - 6 + 5 x 4 = 8
Hard
2 x 6 + 5 - 9 = 8

LOOP



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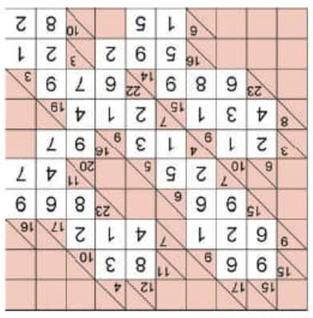

QUOTE UNCODE
Only two things you ignore: things that aren't important and things you wish weren't important, and wishing never works.

FAST FIVE

C	R	A	S	H
R	A	M	I	E
U	T	E	R	I
M	I	N	E	R
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